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SUBJECT: A CURRENT EXAMPLE OF INADEQUATE INDIAN DOMESTIC
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

1. AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE FAILINGS OF THE INDIAN DOMESTIC ECONOMY
WHICH MUST BE RECTIFIED IF INDIA IS EVER TO GET ITSELF ON A
SATISFACTORY GROWTH PATH AND FREE ITSELF FROM LARGE SCALE DEPENDENCE
ON EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE, WE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING STORY FRONT
PAGED IN MOST DELHI DAILIES OF MARCH 14 AND 15:

2. "POWER SUPPLY POSITION IN UTTAR PRADESH WORSENEDED TODAY WITH
THE ABRUPT CLOSURE OF THE 210-MW CAPACITY HARDUAGANJ 'B'
THERMAL POWER PLANT AT ALIGARH FOLLOWING SUDDEN DEFECTS.

THE UP STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD, WHICH HAD EARLIER IMPOSED SEVERAL
CUTS IN POWER SUPPLY BECAUSE OF ACUTE SHORTAGE OF COAL, HAS
ORDERED COMPLETE SUSPENSION OF POWER SUPPLY TO FERTILIZER FACTORIES,
TEXTILE MILLS AND LIFT CANALS. TUBEWELLS WILL GET POWER FOR
5-1/2 HOURS ON ALTERNATE DAYS INSTEAD OF EVERY DAY. POWER
SUPPLY TO CONTINUOUS PROCESS INDUSTRIES IS ALSO LIKELY TO BE
INTERRUPTED IF THE CRISIS PERSISTS. "(TIMES OF INDIA)

3. "THE TOTAL GENERATION OF POWER IN UP TONIGHT WAS ONLY 300
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MW AS AGAINST AN INSTALLED CAPACITY OF 1,500 MW. THE TOTAL

POWER AVAILABILITY INCLUDING 70 MW IMPORTED (FROM GRIDS IN OTHER STATES) WAS 370 MW AS AGAINST A DEMAND OF OVER 1,600 MW." (INDIAN EXPRESS). SCHNEIDER

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